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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

YUKARI FURUHATA, et al.

Application No.: 09/508,870

Filed: March 16, 2000

For: SCHEDULE MANAGEMENT
SYSTEM AND METHOD

Examiner: Chance, Janet D.

Art Unit: 3626

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 7, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as indicated below:

1. (Amended) A schedule management system comprising a plurality of terminal devices interconnected over a line for performing travel expense adjustment processing, wherein

at least one of said plurality of terminals serves as a management terminal device which manages schedules of users managed in said system on an external storage apparatus;

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